



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

August 2025

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of September 5, 2025.

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	August 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted	5,215	25.8%	38.9%
Approved	2,662	5.8%	12.2%
Rejected	1,427	23.4%	8.1%
Pending	1,583		
15 Days or Less	1,204		
More Than 15 Days	2,787		
Total Pending			

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	18,445	18,368	17,538	0.4%	5.2%
	Protective Services	4,226	4,013	3,862	5.3%	9.4%
	Total	22,667	22,377	21,397	1.3%	5.9%
Approved Children	Income	28,717	29,317	29,086	-2.0%	-1.3%
	Protective Services	6,930	6,908	6,966	0.3%	-0.5%
	Total	35,610	36,177	35,988	-1.6%	-1.1%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

Children Served	Income	20,739	20,964	21,166	-1.1%	-2.0%
	Protective Services	4,931	4,978	4,829	-0.9%	2.1%
	Total	25,663	25,930	25,986	-1.0%	-1.2%
Payments		\$24,073,328	\$22,626,272	\$23,735,373	6.4%	1.4%
Average Payment Per Child		\$938	\$873	\$915	7.5%	2.5%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025
Approved Households	574	544	493	197	174	152	75	66	61
Children Served	891	897	869	276	255	244	89	85	82
Payments	\$714,867.82	\$655,470.99	\$658,892.08	\$211,778.78	\$178,027.57	\$183,503.67	\$66,504.97	\$61,416.50	\$57,050.01
Average Payment per Household	\$352	\$340	\$327	\$340	\$334	\$331	\$328	\$347	\$325
Average Payment per Child	\$329	\$325	\$327	\$361	\$361	\$359	\$370	\$376	\$370

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

Children Served August 2025		Payments August 2025
Under Age 1	1,117	\$1,791,393
AGE 1	2,720	\$4,562,076
AGE 2	3,651	\$3,988,354
AGE 3	4,063	\$3,461,675
AGE 4	3,864	\$3,296,899
AGE 5	3,044	\$2,233,897
AGE 6	1,866	\$1,232,409
AGE 7	1,423	\$936,747
AGE 8	1,178	\$763,875
AGE 9	930	\$613,450
AGE 10	759	\$495,635
AGE 11	503	\$335,087
AGE 12	373	\$236,914
AGE 13	143	\$98,435
Age 14 and Over	29	\$26,481
Total	25,663	\$24,073,328

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

August 2025

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Applications Received		Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Da..
Cape Girardeau	374	160	130	21.5%	290	118	110	48.2%
Columbia	236	97	84	22.7%	181	82	49	37.4%
Jefferson City	236	92	65	15.9%	157	81	86	51.5%
Macon	117	42	31	17.7%	73	34	34	50.0%
Not Selected	1,613	1,227	220	8.7%	1,447	383	261	40.5%
Raytown	823	354	299	22.1%	653	268	190	41.5%
Springfield	474	205	158	20.7%	363	133	116	46.6%
St. Louis	1,342	485	440	20.9%	925	484	358	42.5%
Total	5,215	2,662	1,427	17.2%	4,089	1,583	1,204	43.2%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

August 2025

Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Pare..	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	163	1,560	42	8	334	68	705	27	15	2,651
Columbia	100	791	44	7	186	42	303	12	21	1,334
Jefferson City	83	894	27	11	242	52	451	10	14	1,634
Macon	43	415	7	1	77	15	198	9	4	704
Not Selected	788	5,466	146	24	1,392	505	1,905	83	148	8,611
Raytown	499	2,781	281	19	1,039	155	862	57	127	5,005
Springfield	202	1,543	64	8	386	61	671	37	19	2,690
St. Louis	903	5,347	444	59	1,644	359	1,034	115	167	8,674
Total	1,985	13,279	922	113	3,890	749	4,245	267	365	22,667

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025
Education	1,985	1,960	1,868	3,285	3,337	3,327
Employment	13,279	13,118	12,495	22,973	23,377	23,119
Homeless	922	918	844	1,247	1,217	1,150
Incapacitated Parent	113	116	108	172	174	178
Job Search	3,890	3,929	3,771	3,667	3,751	3,672
Not Available	749	732	725	1,512	1,645	1,792
Protective Services	4,245	4,033	3,882	6,967	6,947	7,008
Special Need	267	261	243	431	419	404
Training	365	364	350	604	614	586
Total	22,667	22,377	21,397	35,610	36,177	35,988

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025
African American (Black)	16,817	17,164	17,100
American/Alaskan Native	306	304	306
Asian	100	97	100
Caucasian (White)	13,310	13,466	13,375
Multi-Racial	3,832	3,864	3,821
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl..	58	58	61
Other	574	591	599
Prefer not to answer	644	656	665
Unknown	1	3	4
Total	35,610	36,177	35,988

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025
Hispanic	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Non-Hispanic	90.8%	90.8%	90.7%
Prefer not to answer	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

August 2025

*excludes Protective Services households

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,312
1	328	1.4%	\$52
2	6,723	29.7%	\$940
3	7,332	32.3%	\$1,174
4	5,349	23.6%	\$1,337
5	2,834	12.5%	\$1,411
6	1,392	6.1%	\$1,358
7 or More	1,012	4.5%	\$1,269
Total	22,667	100.0%	\$1,057

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	August 2025			July 2025			June 2025		
		Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..	Children Served	Payments	Average Paymen..
Exempt	Exempt Program	415	\$312,270.92	\$752	423	\$227,574.07	\$538	517	\$304,072.57	\$588
	Six or Fewer	1,130	\$618,747.52	\$548	1,118	\$583,265.94	\$522	1,110	\$653,623.41	\$589
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,799	\$1,291,853.38	\$718	1,811	\$1,212,413.30	\$669	1,827	\$1,281,318.44	\$701
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	21,045	\$20,849,197.19	\$991	21,345	\$19,740,504.37	\$925	21,194	\$20,551,314.44	\$970
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	873	\$715,682.83	\$820	835	\$595,757.77	\$713	896	\$655,655.48	\$732
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	495	\$285,113.92	\$576	477	\$264,822.31	\$555	515	\$288,519.81	\$560
Total		25,663	\$24,072,865.76	\$938	25,929	\$22,624,337.76	\$873	25,939	\$23,734,504.15	\$915

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	200	199	198
		Six or Fewer	682	675	663
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,359	1,353	1,337
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	240	239	239
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	65	65	64
		Licensed Exempt Religious Organization/Nursery School	124	124	123
	Total		2,670	2,655	2,624

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,205	2,186	2,256	0.9%	-2.3%
Low Income Housing	2,219	2,187	2,255	1.5%	-1.6%
Medicaid	15,498	15,629	15,637	-0.8%	-0.9%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	15,361	15,618	15,762	-1.6%	-2.5%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	683	695	699	-1.7%	-2.3%
Total	18,574	18,836	18,929	-1.4%	-1.9%